

Media Advisory



Fish and Wildlife Service Celebrates Endangered Species Day

On May 21, 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will observe Endangered Species Day to recognize conservation programs aimed at protecting America's threatened and endangered species. The Service and the Endangered Species Coalition are cosponsoring four signature events around the country to focus public support on rare and imperiled species.

Michael J. Bean, counselor for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the U.S. Department of the Interior will speak during the Washington, D.C. event, which will take place at the United States Botanic Garden.

The event will include presentations on how the federal government is working to protect our nation's plants and wildlife on the brink of extinction and what can be done to help. The Botanic Garden will also offer tours on its work to conserve endangered species by maintaining live specimens in their collections, studying wild plants at risk and banking seeds of rare plants.

Various displays and interpretative materials will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Endangered Species Coalition and other agencies and non-profit organizations. This event is open to the public.

For more information, visit <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/ESDay/2010.html>.

WHO: Michael Bean, Counselor, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior
Leda Huta, Executive Director, Endangered Species Coalition
Holly Shimizu, Executive Director, United States Botanic Garden

WHAT: Endangered Species Day Celebration

WHEN: May 21, 2010 (Friday)
11:00 a.m. (EST)
Duration: 3 hours

WHERE: United States Botanic Garden
100 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20002
Metrorail Orange or Blue line to the Federal Center SW station

MEDIA: All credentialed news organizations are invited to attend.

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MORE INFORMATION: The United States Botanic Garden is open to the public, free of charge, daily from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to take Metrobus and Metrorail.

<http://www.usbg.gov/>